

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Philip M. Ginsberg, et al.  
Application No. : 09/853,430 Confirmation No. : 6761  
Filed : May 10, 2001  
For : SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR ANONYMOUS  
ELECTRONIC TRADING  
Group Art Unit : 3691  
Examiner : Olabode Akintola

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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

This is a response to the Final Office Action mailed December 18, 2006 in the above-identified application. Applicants are submitting a Request for Continued Examination for this application concurrently with this Amendment. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. It is noted that the use of the word “we” hereinafter refers to Applicants.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

**Fee Calculation**

Any additional claim fees have been calculated as follows:

<u>Total Claims</u>		<u>Extra Claims</u>		<u>Rate</u>		<u>Additional Fee</u>
41	- 20 or HP	1	x	\$50	=	\$50

HP = Highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

<u>Indep. Claims</u>		<u>Extra Claims</u>		<u>Rate</u>		<u>Additional Fee</u>
2	- 3 or HP	0	x	\$200	=	\$0

HP = Highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3938 in the amount of \$50.00 in connection with the additional claim fees. The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 in connection with the present application, or credit any overpayment of same to Deposit Account No. 50-3938.